



PATENT  
Docket No. 55943 USA 1A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): William BEDINGHAM et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/677,805 )  
Confirmation No.: )  
Filed: 2 October 2000 )  
For: SAMPLE PROCESSING APPARATUS, METHODS AND SYSTEMS

Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unassigned

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: Box Missing Parts  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed 6 December 2000, said period of response being extended from 6 February 2001 to 6 May 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, ATTN: Box Missing Parts, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 12th day of April, 2001.


  
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